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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Supplemental to amendment of February 12, 2001 and responsive to the action mailed October 12, 2000, please consider the further new arguments for the purpose of patentability:

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 12, 2000 has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Claims 1-6 are pending in the application and are submitted for reconsideration by the Examiner. The following remarks supplement the remarks presented in the Amendment filed on February 12, 2001. The following comments are intended to further distinguish the claimed invention from the relied-upon art.

Claims 1,4 and 5 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,525,788 to Bridgelall *et al.* (Hereinafter "Bridgelall"). Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejection, insofar as it applies to the amended claims, for at least the following reasons.